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The fishing schooner Angle B. Watson, Capt. George Cushing, took on stores for another trip to Bergeo, N. F. on Friday, and sailed later in the afternoon to bring back another load of halibut and salmon.

Fish dealers report the greatest scarcity of smoked herring ever known in the trade, and prices are the highest recorded for many years. Lord Brothers, who have been entirely out of supplies for the past fortnight, yesterday succeeded in purchasing 1000 boxes in New York, part of a lot they shipped there two months ago.

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MACKEREL PROSPECT POOR

Only a Few Scattering Schools Being Seen.

There is nothing of importance from the seiners today, although some four or five have arrived without taking any fish, other than 800 fresh mackerel, brought in by sch. Rhodora, and 650 by sch. Arthur James. Schs. Moan-am has none, and in fact Capt. Quinlan, one of the best known fishermen, said he had not seen a school of mackerel this season. During the time he had been south, on the Cape Shore and off here, he had set the seine boat but once, and so had lost the art of making a circle.

Sch. Fanie E. Prescott hauls for 10 barrels of salt mackerel, and sch. Arcadia 70 barrels of salt mackerel. The few fish these vessels brought in were taken on the Rips and on the Cultivator.

Schs. Victor and Shenandoah, with 2000 fresh mackerel each, were reported to be at Provincetown yesterday.

Sch. Oriole High Line of Seiners.

Sch. Oriole, Capt. Charles Maguire, is reported to be high line of the mackerel seiners, with a stock of \$9000. This certainly will place Capt. Maguire at the upper round of the ladder.

Skippers Consider Prospects Poor.

All the skippers agree that it looks rather dry, but are in hopes that a good school of fish will yet make their appearance. Another thing they say is absent, the sun jelly that are always seen in years when mackerel is plentiful. But this season, this omen has not been seen where the vessels have been, from Delaware to Cape Canso. Then there are no medium mackerel, which the fishermen would like to see, but the few taken are large overgrown fish, which do not augur well for a big catch.

Seiners at This Port.

- Sch. Arcadia, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Arthur James, 650 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Rhodora, 800 fresh mackerel.
- Seiner, at Provincetown.
- Sch. Victor, 2000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Shenandoah, 2000 fresh mackerel.

No Mackerel Reported on Canadian Coast.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Monday last report no mackerel being taken at any point along the provincial coast, but all other branches of the fisheries are quite active.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

- Sch. Lifzlie Griffin arrived at Louisburg on Monday and cleared for the fishing grounds.
- Sch. Mattie Winship arrived at Halifax on Monday.
- Sca. Ingomar, arrived and cleared at Canso on Monday.

Will Fit for Salt Cod Trawling.

Sch. Lena and Maud, another of the mackerel fleet, has discontinued seining, and is now fitting out for a salt bank trawl codfishing trip, under command of Capt. Michael Smith.

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ENTERING INTO WORK WITH VIGOR.

United States Representatives Caring For the Interests of the Fishermen.

Hague Tribunal Called to Settle Some Very Important Questions.

(From our special correspondent.)

The North American Fisheries Arbitration has now been in the process of presentation before The Hague Tribunal for several weeks and the fact that its further presentation and the consideration necessary before the award is made will consume several weeks more, is strong evidence, not only of the importance with which the subject in question is considered by both the United States and Great Britain and the honorable Tribunal as well, but also of the complexities of the case and the long and deep search into records, past and present, necessary for its full and proper and clear presentation.

All connected with the case on either side, and the honorable Tribunal as well, have thrown themselves into the work with a degree of labor and devotion which is commendable in the extreme.

The opening declarations of the attorneys for Great Britain and the United States are already familiar to readers of the Times through its full reports of our special correspondent at The Hague, and the case is now well on its way to the time when the Arbitral Tribunal will take all the evidence and all the arguments into its charge and keeping and take up the work of their most serious consideration, preceding the award in the case, which latter is awaited, not only here, but in Newfoundland, Canada, Great Britain and by leaders of the legal profession in the world-at-large, with greatest interest.

Just Four Weeks Were Occupied by the Legal Lights

who opened for their respective sides, two weeks each for Sir Robert Finlay, who presented the case of Great Britain, and ex-Senator George Turner, who opened for the United States, and argued questions one, two, three and four in detail.

The other counsel, who are to appear before the Tribunal, are six in number, three on each side and none of them will take as long as the two legal sages, who were entrusted with the openings.

Ex-Senator Turner presented for the United States questions one, two, three and four. Charles Beecher Warren, Esq., will present the important question five—on "Bays," while Samuel J. Elder, Esq., of Boston, will handle questions two, six and seven. The closing and summing up for the side of the United States is in the hands of no less a world's legal power than Senator Elihu Root of New York, who was secretary of state when the acts of Newfoundland, which virtually brought on the troubles, which are to end with the decision of this court of arbitration, for the North American fisheries, were given birth and effect by Premier Bond, who

More Than Any One Man Is Posted and Grounded

in the actual conditions of affairs at that time and previous.

To hear his presentation will be a treat indeed and to read it will be vir-

tually a liberal education on the whole great question. The Times, knowing the great interest in Gloucester in this whole Arbitral Court proceeding and which has been giving to its readers the fullest accounts of the proceedings, of any paper in the United States, will not only present very fully, as soon as received, the points of the arguments of Mr. Warren and Mr. Elder, but will also give to its readers, in due time, a very full report of the argument presented by Mr. Root.

Realizing too, that our readers are interested in learning of the arguments and contentions of both sides, the Times will also print, quite fully, the presentations to the Tribunal of Sir James Winter of Newfoundland, who has questions six and seven in his charge, and

Ewart, Who Will Hold Forth on Question Five—"Bays,"

and Sir William Robson, attorney-general of Great Britain, who will close the case for that great nation.

Chandler P. Anderson, Esq., agent for the United States, in this great legal conflict, and counsel with him, are devoted to the task at hand. Ever since arriving at The Hague, indeed since leaving New York, there has been no let-up in their work. The Tribunal sits four hours per day on four days of each week. Each day they are there, following the case closely, and the rest of the time they may be found at the headquarters, at the Hotel des Indes, hard at work in conference, and deliberation, or delving deep into law books without number, making points and adding to the general strength of the United States' case, which Mr. Anderson, the nation's agent, has prepared so completely, after a year of hard work, at home.

From forenoon to midnight there is no cessation, and indeed each and every one is giving to the case the best there is in him and is

Sparing Himself Not in the Slightest Degree,

working with pertinacity and enthusiasm to the end that nothing shall be omitted, nothing left undone that will add to the strength of the representations of the United States in the matter. There has been and is, on their part, a devotion to duty which cannot fail to be pleasing and satisfying to all.

Besides the United States agent, and counsel, who appear before the court, there are connected with "our side of the case," Robert Lansing, Esq., and James Brown Scott, Esq., and their best efforts also are mingled with those of the others mentioned above to the hard-worked-for-end that the United States' contention may be made and presented in the strongest possible form.

After all the evidence and arguments are presented, the Tribunal will take up its deliberations, which will be followed by the announcement of the decision and it is entirely reasonable to suppose that this decision will be public and in effect before the opening of the Newfoundland herring season of 1910-11, which of late years has generally opened, as far as the sailing of vessels from Gloucester for Bay of Islands is concerned, on October 15.

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MACKEREL AND BLUEBACKS.

Only Fish Receipts at This Port This Morning.

Light receipts of all kinds of salt and fresh fish are in order at this port, there having been no off shore arrivals during the last 24 hours, the only arrivals with fish this morning being two seiners with 70 and 10 barrels salt mackerel and two with 800 and 650 fresh mackerel, and four of the small pollock steamers with 120 barrels of bluebacks.

The absence of a number of vessels now due, is probably caused by the moderate weather and adverse winds which have prevailed for some days, which would retard the progress of vessels now coming from the eastward. Then most of the off-shore shacks are fishing on Quero Bank and vicinity, and they will try and bring in full fares, as their fish will go to the splitters, which is another cause of the prolonged trips.

As previously reported, the shore boats are not finding any fish and what few they are landing is disposed of for immediate consumption. The little pollock steamers appear to have given up hunting the pollock schools and are now in the vicinity of Newburyport and thereabouts, catching bluebacks, which are sold to the shore fishermen for bait or put into cold storage.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, arrived this forenoon from a Georges fresh fishing trip with a fine fare of 155,000 pounds of cusk, 15,000 pounds of salt cod and 4000 pounds of halibut.

Capt. Thompson has been out but three weeks, and as usual met with his same luck in securing a big fare.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arcadia, seining, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Arthur James, seining, 650 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, seining, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Rhodora, seining, 800 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 40 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Jeffrey, shore, 40 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Beatrice E., shore, 40 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Dictator, Georges, 15,000 lbs. salt cod; 15,000 lbs. fresh cusk, 4000 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, dory handlining.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, dory handlining.

Sch. S. P. Willard, dory handlining.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, drifting.

Sch. Saladin, seining.

Sch. Valentina, swordfishing.

Sch. Lucania, seining.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining.

Sch. Senator Gardner, seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Fresh mackerel, 27 cents each.

Fresh halibut, 7 1-4 cts. per lb.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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BOSTON FISH RECEIPTS LESS.

Result Is Sharp Advance in Prices.

There are but seven arrivals at Boston today, so receipts show a large decline over those of yesterday, and prices on some grades have again advanced. This is noticeably so on haddock, which is quoted from vessels at \$3 to \$4 per hundred weight.

The steamer Spray which has been noted for making quick trips is in again today with a fine fare of 40,000 pounds of haddock after being out but four days.

No swordfish or mackerel are at Boston today, both of which are in good demand, while prices of these varieties are extremely firm.

Last season the vessels at this time were landing big trips of swordfish, but this season is just the reverse. While it is time that a goodly quantity of swordfish should be landing daily the season is not advanced beyond the point when the greatest catches of those big fish are made.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 38,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 23,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Leo, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Steamer Spray, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. William A. Morse, 2000 haddock, 34,000 cod, 2000 hake, 6000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.75; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50.

Customs Decisions.

No. 23,596.—Fish in Tins—"Packed in Oil."—Protest 390,074 of American Mercantile Company (San Francisco). The merchandise consisted of sardines in tomato sauce, packed in tins, classified as fish in tins under paragraph 270, tariff act of 1909, and claimed to be dutiable under the same paragraph as fish packed in oil. Protest overruled.

Chamberlain, General Appraiser: The merchandise is not packed in oil as contemplated by the paragraph. Assuming that oil may have been added, the fact that it is combined with a sauce, which sauce is the predominating factor, would exclude the article from the provision for fish packed in oil. We find it is provided for as "all other fish in this" at 30 per cent. ad valorem.

No. 23,597.—Fish in Packages—Isinglass.—Protest 382,546 of Shin Tai & Co. (San Francisco). Merchandise classified as fish in packages of less than one-half barrel under paragraph 258, tariff act of 1897, was claimed to be free of duty as "cuttlefish bone" (par. 543), or as "shellfish" (par. 659).

Chamberlain, General Appraiser: The merchandise is neither shellfish nor cuttlefish bone. Neither is it dried fish, as returned by the appraiser. In our opinion, the merchandise, as represented by the sample, is nothing more than isinglass, and as such is provided for under paragraph 23 of said act. This claim not having been made, the protest must therefore be overruled.

Newfoundland Fishery Notes.

The s. s. Home, Capt. Blandford, arrived from north Monday evening. She reports from Bonne Bay to Flowers Cove the fishery practically nil excepting at Port aux Choix, where a few quintals are had daily in traps.

At Bonne Esperance not much for traps, but with hook and line fairly good results. From Blanc Sablon to Cape Charles fishery looking very much better. Mr. Grant at Blanc Sablon had 2500 quintals, and the cod-seiners along that boundary all did very well last week. The best localities from general reports for trap fishing would be Henley Harbor and Chateau.

Reports from Battle Harbor say the Invermore has no fish on the Labrador. The same conditions prevail at Battle Harbor, but this is not surprising, as the season is yet very early.

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FEW SWORDFISH AT BOSTON.

General Receipts Light As Usual at Week End.

Receipts of fish at Boston today are rather light, as was expected, for at the last of the week, vessels out generally remain so as to strike a firm market on Monday, when it opens. Then dealers like to clear out all old stock so as not to carry any over for the ensuing week.

Among the arrivals there are three sword fishermen, one having 27, one 23 and the other 26. These are very small returns compared with that of former years. The market for this commodity is firm, for quotations today are at 18 cents.

Another arrival is a vessel with 2200 shad, which met with ready sale at a remunerative price. Last season large catches of shad were made along this coast, and but few of this variety have been taken, yet the market today on all kinds of fresh fish is a shade higher, but nothing like what it was a short time ago.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The value of the codfish imported into Italy last year was over \$11,000,000.

An international congress on fisheries will be held at Bordeaux in August next. It is being organized by the Oeuvre, Française des Musées Scholaires de Pêche, and one of the principal questions to be dealt with is that of popular instruction in primary schools in sea-fishing communities.

According to a correspondent of a St. Petersburg paper, a new industry is to be inaugurated in the Caucasus by making into fishmeal the small fish which are at present thrown back into the sea as too small for the market. The "fishmeal" in this case is not for fertilizer, but to feed the Caucasians on, and it is claimed to be a very wholesome and nourishing thing.

New Trawler Foam Progressing

Satisfactory progress is being made in work of construction of the new trawler Foam, a sister to the Spray, now under way at Quincy. The frame is all in place, and the work of placing the iron plates in position has begun. It is expected that the Foam will be commissioned early in the fall. The Foam is to be equipped with a two-furnace Scotch boiler, built by the Bath Iron Works.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty's Big Fare.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Fred Leblanc, which arrived last week from a dory handline trip, weighed off 233,160 pounds of cod, stocking \$7061, the highline sharing \$160.

Capt. Leblanc will accompany his wife today on the steamer sailing from Boston to Yarmouth, N. S., where he will join his vessel which craft sailed from here yesterday.

Octopus in Sea Bass.

While cleaning a sea bass in his father's market in Atlantic City, N. J., last week, Carroll Cramer, Atlantic City, N. J., found a young octopus. The bass weighed five pounds. The sea monster was perfectly formed with two large eyes and two wing feelers. The fishermen declare they have never seen anything like it before.

Will Tow Rockport Barge.

Tug Mary Arnold, from Plymouth, via Boston, for Rockport, put in at this port last night where she remained, until this morning, when she sailed to tow the stone laden barge Neavens to the Cape Cod Canal, where her cargo of dimension stone will be discharged.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of halibut of sch. Monitor was sold to the New England Company at 7 1-4 cents per pound.

The fare of sch. Claudia was taken by the American Halibut Company at 7 1-4 cents per pound.

Change of Trips.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Thomas Downing, will now fit for salt codfishing.

Sch. Grace Otis will fit for a salt cod drifting trip under command of Capt. Timothy Downing.